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REMARKS

- 25X1 1. On 23 November 1953, the Hindenburg Kaserne in Plauen was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Training activity was as intensive as was observed previously. Soldiers engaged in drill, technical duty in the barracks yard and practice marches with subsequent training at Kobitzschwalde drill grounds.
- 25X1 2. On 23 November, the Koenig Georg Kaserne was occupied to capacity. A 76.2-mm AT gun was seen in the billeting area. On 21 November, 90 soldiers engaged in athletic exercises.
- 25X1 3. On 23 November, the Kirchbach Kaserne was occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] was parked in the barracks yard on 23 November. Troops engaged in athletic exercises.
- 25X1 4. On 21 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 10 and 21 November, 40 to 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were daily seen at practice marches.
- 25X1 5. On 21 November, the Koenig Georg Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 17 November, a howitzer was parked in front of a garage. About 60 soldiers engaged in close-order drill in the morning.
- 25X1 6. On 21 November, the Kirchbach Kaserne was occupied by about 120 soldiers who wore red-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets. On 15 November, 110 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, marched to the recreation center in the Koenig Georg Kaserne.
- 25X1 7. [redacted] about the end of November or the beginning of December, 200 to 250 Soviet families were expected to arrive and that 200 apartments in the vicinity of the barracks installation would be vacated for this purpose. On Werder Strasse and Kasernenstrasse, 80 families had already been evacuated from their homes.²

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2. [redacted] Comment. Reports [redacted] indicated that these
measures were cancelled, following protests by the civilian population.

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